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SUBJECT: CALTEX PROBLEM IN INDIA

1. CALTEX REP LAVERY CALLED NEA/INS OCTOBER 21 TO CONFIRM LEVENHAGEN HAD CALLED ON MALAVIYA OCTOBER 8 (AS INDICATED EMBASSY'S MEMCON DATED OCTOBER 9). ACCORDING LAVERY, CALTEX CONVINCED FROM MEETING MALAVIYA IS SYMPATHETIC TO CALTEX' PROBLEMS AND AMENABLE TO CONTINUED CALTEX PRESENCE IN INDIA. DAVE REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED GOI HAS NOT MADE DECISION THAT CALTEX WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SELL OUT ENTIRELY, AND THAT INDIANS ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH COMPANY ON ASSUMPTION COMPANY WOULD RETAIN SOME KIND OF PRESENCE IN INDIA.

2. COMMENT - WHILE WE WERE AWARE OF ABOVE FROM EMBASSY'S
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REPORTING, WE WONDER WHETHER COMPANY IS NOT OVERREACTING

TO MALAVIYA/DAVE TALKS. LAVERY'S ATTITUDE SEEMS TO BE ONE OF NEAR EUPHORIA. HE APPEARS TO THINK CALTEX' BATTLE IN INDIA IS ALL BUT WON; IN THIS HE IS PRESUMABLY REFLECTING MOOD OF CALTEX MANAGEMENT. WE ARE NOT SO CONFIDENT. HOWEVER, WE ARE NINE THOUSAND MILES FROM THE SCENE, AND EMBASSY IS BETTER ABLE TO ASSESS WHETHER CALTEX' OPTIMISM IS JUSTIFIED OR NOT.

3. YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE. INGERSOLL

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